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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| | 10/765,343 | BRESS ET AL. | |
| | Examiner Lev I. Iwashko | Art Unit 2186 | |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 5/12/2006.
 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.
4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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 6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendments made to Claims 1, 4, 7-9, and 22 have been considered.
2. In reference to Claim 9, the 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph rejection has been withdrawn.
3. Claims 2-3, 6, 17, and 23-24 have been cancelled.
4. Claims 1, 4-5, 7-16, 18-22, and 25-27 are now in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 4-5, 7-16, 18-22, and 25-27 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The independent Claims 1 and 22 embody the same teachings, with their difference being that Claim 1 denotes a "device", while Claim 22 denotes a "copying device". Claim 1 will therefore be described in detail, with all descriptions applying equally to Claim 22.
7. The allowability of Claim 1 will be described in detail. Originally, Claim 1 was rejected due to its unoriginal qualities of being solely a device that could make copies of interfaced storage devices upon a user's request. However, Claim 1 was amended to include a few novel notions, which now make the claim patentable. There now exists a limitation that necessitates that the interfaces are isolated electronically from each other. Also, the control circuit must now compare the size of the source device to the destination device, and then communicate the result to the user. Furthermore, the control circuit must open hidden areas on the source device. Finally, the source drive needs to be restored to its original condition after the data on the source and destination drives is compared. All of the amended and added items cause Claim 1 to be

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very specific and limited in its scope, and the entirety of Claim 1 cannot be overcome by prior art. Since the teachings of Claim 1 are presented in a non-obvious manner, the requirements for allowability are fulfilled.

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

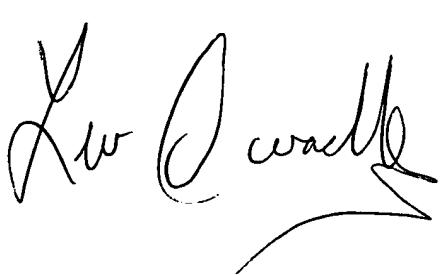
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lev I. Iwashko whose telephone number is (571)272-1658. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, from 8-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matt Kim can be reached on (571)272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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